

**REMARKS**

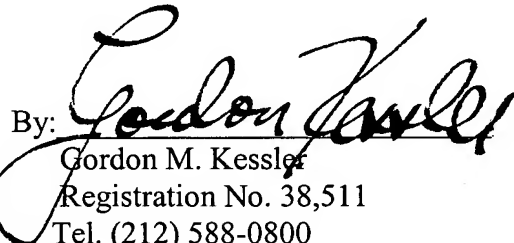
In light of the amendments to the application noted above and remarks to follow, early consideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

In parent application Serial No. 09/988,420, the Examiner restricted prosecution and the claims presented herein were not elected. This Divisional application continues prosecution of the Group II non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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